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STATEMENT OF POO TENG PIN
IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) AND MPEP § 210.03

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In support of the concurrently filed Request to Correct Inventorship, I, Poo Teng Pin, having my office at Trek Technology (Singapore) Pte Ltd, 30 Loyang Way #07-13/14/15, Loyang Industrial Estate, Singapore 508769 (hereinafter "Trek"), hereby state the following:

1. I have been a member of Trek's engineering staff since my employment with Trek began on March 1, 1999. I reported to Cheng Chong Seng (a.k.a. Marcus Cheng) (hereinafter "M. Cheng") during his tenure with Trek. Currently, I hold the position of Assistant General Manager, Research and Development at Trek.

2. During the course of our employment by Trek, M. Cheng and I were involved in the development of a highly portable data storage device that would be a self-contained drive and flash memory package that serve as a more compact and reliable alternative to traditional mass storage devices, such as magnetic disks and CD-ROMs. The device we invented is a unitary portable mass data storage device with an integrated USB plug that facilitates direct coupling of the storage device via the USB plug to a USB socket of a

computer. As part of this development process, I contributed to the conception of the hardware, firmware and the USB protocol implementation of the ThumbDrive. I have reviewed the pending claims in the present application, as amended in Applicants' Response to the November 19, 2003 Office Action filed concurrently herewith. I submit that the subject matter claimed in the claims are directed to our invention as described herein.

3. Through error and without deceptive intention on my part, I was not included as an inventor in International Patent Application No. PCT/SG00/00029, on which the above-captioned United States Patent Application is based. Likewise, through error and without deceptive intention on my part, I was not included as an inventor in the above-captioned United States Patent Application. I understand that the same inventorship correction as requested herein has been recorded by the International Bureau of WIPO for International Patent Application No. PCT/SG00/00029.

4. In view of the foregoing, I support the concurrently filed Request to Correct Inventorship, which requests adding me as a co-inventor of Cheng Chong Seng in the above-captioned United States Patent Application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



Poo Teng Pin

Dated: 18th May, 2004